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Circling for safety

Moving the mail

Conserving with coal



MAIL BOX

THE COVER

Fuel diversification is paying off in a big way for Gulf States.

Nelson Coal Plant Unit 6, the company's first coal-fired unit, saved \$24 million for GSU for the period May through December 1982.

The mound of coal in the background is part of the 50-million-ton coal purchase from Kerr-McGee.

T.J. Reyes shot the cover photograph and wrote the related story on page 10.

Steve A. White, Forester
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Steve,

I recently inspected a line clearing job that your contract crews performed on Osborne Avenue in Baton Rouge. Of particular note was a live oak tree which, you mentioned, had been the subject of controversy.

My professional opinion of the work done on this tree is that it is an excellent example of arboriculturally proper line clearing procedures.

The use of directional and drop-crotch pruning methods is evident and the job shows a healthy respect for the natural form of the tree while apparently meeting utility company clearing standards . . .

Sincerely,
Stephen Shurtz
Planner, City of Baton Rouge

Sue Williams
Gulf States Utilities
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Sue:

Region V Education Service Center would like to express our appreciation to you for the excellent presentation during the

workshop on "Energy Turns the World." Comments from participants indicate that the information presented was valuable and that the workshop was an enjoyable experience.

I appreciate the comfortable and professional manner in which you interacted with the participants. Your presentation indicated planning and organization that encouraged participants to attend to the program content.

Enclosed is a summary of the evaluations and a copy of the written comments that were submitted.

We thank you for your cooperation and assistance in meeting the needs of educators in Southeast Texas.

Sincerely,
Mary McLaughlin
Consultant-Special Education

Virgil L. Fuselier
Supervisor of Consumer Services
Lafayette, La.

Dear Virgil,

I want to express my appreciation and the appreciation of the entire University of Southwestern Louisiana contingent for the tour of Gulf States Utilities River Bend nuclear plant.

I suspect that we were there at the best possible time since we were privileged to see areas that will soon be inaccessible to the public. The weather was magnificent, the fellowship excellent and the food truly delicious.

We thank you, Bob Domingue and Terry Huval for including us in a most informative and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,
Ray Authement
President, USL

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Employees who change residences or offices should fill out company mailing-address-change forms (GSU0012-00-81) and return them to the mailroom in the Edison Plaza. GSU publications, departmental mailings and other company information are not automatically forwarded; addresses must be corrected when employees move.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Projects benefits young and old

"Operation Storm Window" will provide low-income elderly people with free weatherization help while vocational students learn to build and install storm windows. The Port Arthur GSU office, the Port Arthur Independent School District and the Program for Human Services have joined efforts to provide storm windows at no charge to elderly people who meet certain income guidelines. According to

Brenda Broussard, consumer service representative, persons 65 years of age or older qualify for the program if their income level does not exceed \$485 a month for single-person households or \$690 for two-person households.

Gulf States provided the construction materials, to be reimbursed by the Program for Human Services, for building trades students at the Lamar Involvement Center to build and install storm windows. The Lamar Center serves as an alternative school for students

with behavioral problems or excessive absenteeism.

The construction of the storm windows has been divided into an assembly line by Charles Kemp instructor for the building trades unit. It takes about 15 minutes to complete one window, with each student responsible for a particular part of the process.

Lamar principal Joe Landry, who praises the project, says, "These students usually work on long-term projects. It's frustrating for them because they rarely see the end results. But, with these storm windows, they can see the finished project soon after they start."

Landry says an added benefit from "Operation Storm Window" is that students become involved in a community service project. "Some of these kids have never finished anything in their lives," he noted. "They get so excited. They like the idea of building things, but most of all, they like the idea that they're helping someone."



Photo courtesy of The Courier, Conroe, Texas.



Dick Landry, left, passes the charter of Montgomery County's American Cancer Society chapter to incoming president, Anna Hester.

Landry ends volunteer term

Dick Landry has ended his year as president of the Montgomery County unit of the American Cancer Society. During his term of office, the volunteers who make up the local chapter collected over \$45,784 in contributions, exceeding their goal for the year.

Landry is an industrial engineer and supervisor of consumer information services for the Western Division. He has been employed at Gulf States for 34 years.

Vennard promotes free enterprise

If the United States is to offer business opportunity for future generations, the free enterprise system must be preserved, says Edwin Vennard.

Vennard, a consultant with Overseas Advisory Associates, Inc., has helped such countries as China, Egypt, Japan, Russia and Taiwan with their electric energy management problems.

In his recent visit to GSU corporate headquarters, the former managing director of the Edison Electric Institute and seven-time winner of Freedom Foundation awards, recalled that his first job out of college was with Gulf States Utilities. Since that time, he has authored two books (*Government in the Power Business* and *The Electric Power Business*), has written hundreds of articles for professional journals and has lectured extensively in the United States and abroad.



Edwin Vennard

The right stuff



Bernard Washington, meterman-2nd class

by Susan Gilley

You don't have to be a superhero to be hired by Gulf States, but it seems that at least five employees met that criteria late last year.

Each of the five, who are located in Baton Rouge, Lake Charles and Western divisions, saw someone who needed help and responded quickly and efficiently.

On Aug. 31, Bernard Washington, meterman-2nd class in Baton Rouge, was working at a residence when a public vehicle struck his parked company truck.

Washington ran to the scene, finding an elderly woman in the driver's seat of a car. Noting that the company truck was "demolished," Washington quickly checked the wreckage for flames. The driver was bleeding profusely from a blow that nearly severed her nose.

Washington recalls, "It scared me to death." He began applying cold compresses to her face, using ice water from the truck's water cooler. A second GSU vehicle stopped at the scene. The occupants were Jude Rabalais and Ken Wolfe, both relaymen-1st class, who helped Washington move the woman onto the ground and continue applying compresses. An ambulance was summoned and soon the trio was able to continue with regular work.

Washington says he felt good about being able to help.

In mid-October, Tom Nolen went for a Sunday afternoon motorcycle ride on a road near his home north of Sulphur. The 25-year-old apprentice lineman confesses that he would not have been riding if his wife had been home. She would have objected since he was wearing a knee brace and had just gotten off crutches for a sports-related knee injury.

He noticed a woman running across a field, flagging him down. Nolen left his motorcycle near the road and ran with the woman to where her husband was pinned beneath a farm tractor. The man was pulling tallow trees when the tractor flipped over backwards and had been under the tractor for about 5 minutes.

"I thought he was dead," says Nolen. "He didn't have a pulse, he wasn't breathing and his skin had already turned blue."

When Nolen discovered they could not get air to the victim, he decided to hoist the tractor up enough to slide him out. A medium-sized 5-foot, 8-inch-tall, 160-pound man, Nolen believes that he possessed strength beyond his usual capabilities in lifting the tractor. Once that was done, Nolen administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and, after eight to 10 breaths, the man began breathing on his own. Nolen learned the first-aid skills in company courses. The man suffered a knee injury and Nolen loaned him his crutches.



Donnie Myrick, lineman-3rd class

Donnie Myrick, a lineman-3rd class from New Caney, was working in the service department in October.

Shortly after noon, when Myrick was leaving a job in Splendora, he saw flames coming from the kitchen of a nearby residence. After pounding on the door and finding no one at home, Myrick tried calling for help on a neighbor's telephone, but the phone was out of order. He radioed a company dispatcher in Conroe, who relayed the message to the Splendora Volunteer Fire Department.

Myrick's quick action was credited with confining the damage to the kitchen. The flames were doused within five minutes.

The homeowner, who returned while the firefighters were there, "was extremely grateful for what I had done," reveals Myrick.

➔ Tom Nolen, apprentice

Alyea mixes chemistry with magic

by Betty Gavora

At the flick of his wrist, he produces billows of smoke and bursts of flame. He turns clear water orange . . . then purple . . . then orange again. All the while he teaches chemistry.

Whether his students are 16 or 60, their attention is riveted on Dr. Hubert Alyea, professor emeritus of Princeton University, as he explores the wonders of chemistry with attendees at the Edison Foundation Science Education Conferences.

The one-day conferences, co-sponsored by Gulf States Utilities, were held at two area universities — McNeese State University and Sam Houston State University, according to Jo Ann Smith, manager-consumer information.

On the program were an array of scientific experts, including GSU senior vice president-external affairs, Dr. E. Linn Draper Jr. Topics included nuclear power and waste disposal, organic chemistry, robotics, primate communications, chemical and solid waste disposal, lasers and genetic engineering.

But back to the podium and Dr. Alyea, absorbed and enchanted with his work, who looks for the world like the absent-minded professor. Then in one of his asides, we learn that indeed he is: "When Walt Disney saw me, he asked me to come to Hollywood and teach Fred McMurray how to be the 'absent-minded professor,' so I went to Hollywood and became the model for that movie."

Moving to the lectern, he breaks down a complicated



Dr. Hubert Alyea, professor emeritus of Princeton University.

chemical formula into lay terms and tells how penicillin and rubber were discovered, quite by accident. "These were accidents, but we should be thankful that, when they happened, scientists with trained minds were there to recognize they were new discoveries," he says.

Winding down, the octogenarian asks, then answers his own question: "What must you learn to make your own great discoveries? *You must be an expert in chemistry, mathematics, English and German. You must be human. Learn to appreciate the artistic; learn to dream. You must be confident. Don't*

be afraid of great people; they're only human. Don't be afraid to admit you don't know something."

"I remember the first time I met Einstein. He came into this laboratory in Berlin, picked up this tube, and said, 'I don't see anything. How does this thing work?' Someone turned the tube around for him (he was looking through the wrong end) and wunderbar, he saw! He wasn't afraid to admit he didn't know something. Never be ashamed to show your ignorance once, rather than remain ignorant all your life."

Program emphasizes driving safety

by Susan Gilley

Driving has almost become a reflex action for most motorists, and GSU drivers are no exception. Improved technology has resulted in vehicles equipped with safer brakes and tires and more reliable steering. Today's highways are safer than the rough dirt and gravel roadways of a few decades ago.

Unfortunately, the casual attitude toward driving may have increased the risk for driver error, because most accidents are caused by driver error, perhaps through negligence. Very few accidents today can be solely attributed to unsafe vehicles or poor roadways.

Because of his concern over highway safety for employees, GSU President Norman Lee instructed the Occupational Health and Safety Group to put together a special-emphasis program aimed at reducing vehicle accidents. Lee reviewed the proposal, making a few modifications before implementing it in mid-November.

According to Mike Durham, manager-occupational health and safety, key elements of the president's special-emphasis program include:

- Maintaining a safe fleet.
- Performing monthly safety checks on all company vehicles.
- Increasing employee accountability for safety performance.
- Investigating all chargeable vehicle accidents (those which drivers could have avoided).
- Emphasizing vehicle safety in regular safety meetings.
- Continuing to emphasize the need to wear seat belts, through reminder signs in vehicles and new employee orientation, as well as safety meetings.

— Implementing the "Circle for Safety" program as one measure to reduce backing accidents, the most frequent automobile accident for GSU. Under this aspect of the program, a plastic "Circle for Safety" decal with a magnetic back is issued to employees. When placed upon the rear of the vehicle, it reminds drivers to circle a vehicle, looking for obstructions and planning the departure before leaving.

An essential part of the vehicle safety program is training. For example, employees who drive company vehicles are being trained in defensive driving, while those who drive extensively are being trained in the Smith system of defensive driving.

Skills training is being improved for employees who cannot drive standard transmission vehicles and for those who must drive large trucks or off-the-road vehicles.

Durham adds, "As GSU em-

ployees, we're keenly aware that our driving habits are constantly observed by the public. In addition to keeping ourselves safe, it is important from yet another standpoint to drive cautiously and courteously. We're encouraging the reporting of unsafe driving on the part of employees to help assure that we drive professionally at all times."

Spot checks are being made of company vehicles entering yards or service centers to assure that drivers wear seat belts.

Also, as part of the president's program, the company is paying more attention to the prior driving records of prospective employees and is more attuned to detecting substance abuse among employees.

Although fleet maintenance, proper training and equipment can help prevent vehicle accidents, Durham points out that the key to vehicle safety is the individual driver, who must drive defensively and courteously. "When we're in the driver's seat, we've got to drive with the attitude that every other vehicle on the road has the right of way over a GSU vehicle," Durham declares.



The mail must go through



Linda Dixon, departmental clerk, feeds mail into the inserter equipment.



Connie Williams, departmental clerk, readies a batch of Plain Talks magazines for mailing with the addressograph.

by Mike Rodgers

“Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.” So goes the line from a familiar saying written about the old United States Post Office. Although the mail services section of the General Services Department of Gulf States rarely faces snow, the company correspondence has been known to reach its destination in spite of flooding and hurricanes.

Thanks in large part to a courier service begun as an experiment in 1979, mail reaches most of the company offices within 24 hours. Prior to that time, most of the mail reached GSU offices through the Postal Service. The first courier run, to Baton Rouge, proved so successful that it was expanded to Western

Division and around the Golden Triangle area of Beaumont-Orange-Port Arthur. “This is a much more efficient system, one that saves both time and money,” notes Gulah Marshall, supervisor of mail services, who is known to almost everyone by her nickname “Dude.”

The 20 employees who work out of the Edison Plaza office are responsible for much more than moving letters and packages safely from one end of the service area to another. They also process customer bills from start to finish, send out shareholder correspondence, address most company publications such as *Plain Talks*, deliver payroll, handle huge Residential Conservation Service mailings and carry out many additional responsibilities.

In spite of the courier service, Gulf States still keeps the local

post office busy. “GSU is the Jefferson County post office’s biggest customer,” says Marshall.

“Much of that is due to our customer billing.” Some 60,000 envelopes a day pass through mail services. Machines place inserts in the envelopes along with the bills; then they are processed and taken to the post office.

Recent increases in the cost of stamps were met with many cost-cutting efforts. Gulf States saves four cents on every billing envelope because it is “carrier route-sorted,” that is, sorted down to all seven zip code digits and bundled so it can bypass postal service equipment and be delivered directly to individual mail carriers. In 1982, carrier sorting saved the company \$246,000. “Bills get to the customer faster this way,”



Armando Rosales, Darrel Simpson and Mark Simmons (from left) prepare courier mail to go on the road.

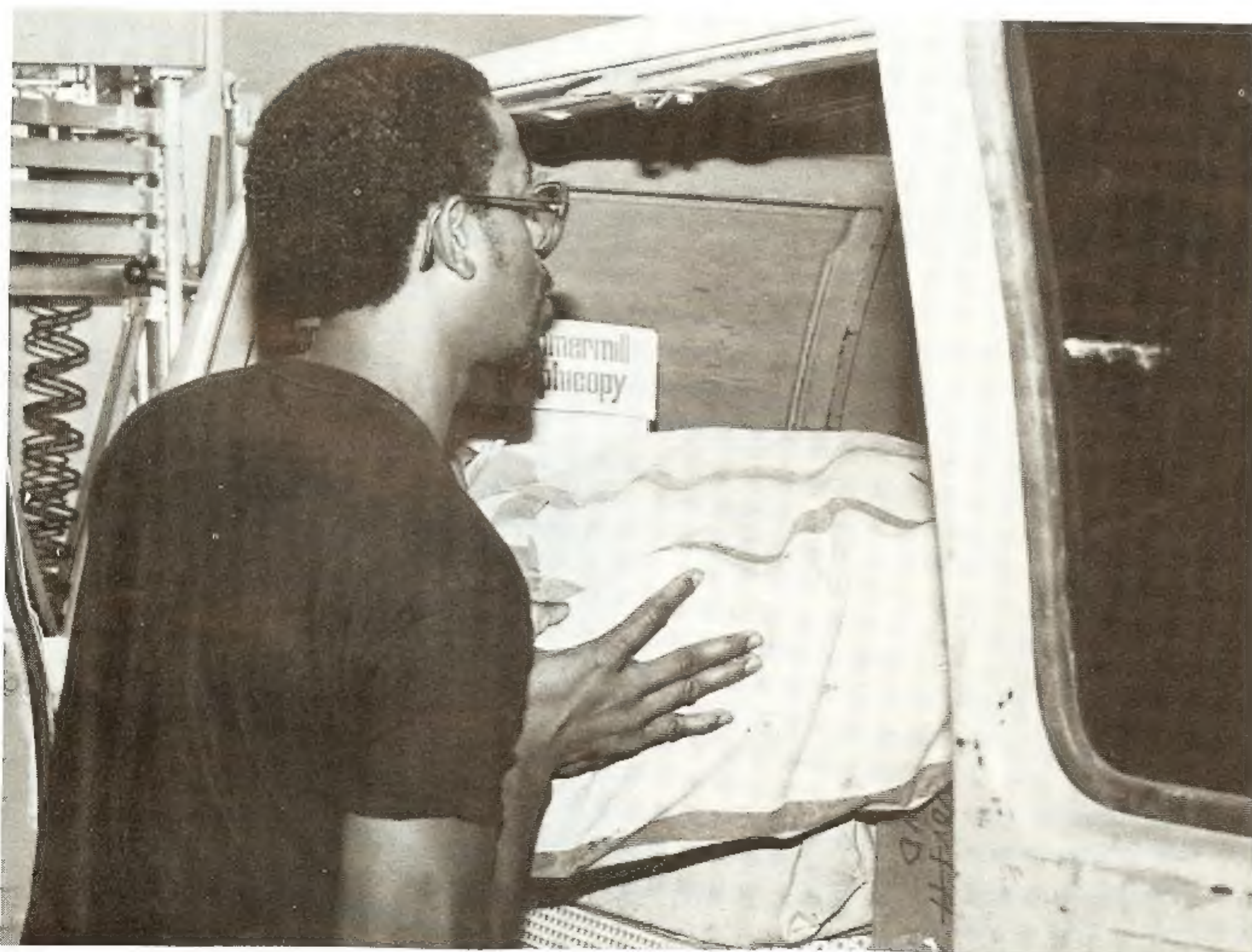
says Marshall, "and this is important."

Shareholder mailing is another important responsibility for mail

services. At one time it was done by a Houston bank, but was moved in-house several years ago. Dividend checks, quarterly

financial statements, proxies and annual report mailings to GSU employees all pass through the mail room. Last year, it handled 1,260,000 pieces of mail for shareholders alone.

Dude Marshall is busy planning ways to make mail services even more efficient in the future. Take the nine-digit zip code, for instance, which Gulf States has not adopted yet. "We're looking to see if it's going to be cost-effective," says Marshall, "then we will make a decision."



→ *Eugene Samuel loads the mail.*

GSU turns on to coal

Text and photos by T. J. Reyes

What do you do with 50 million tons of coal?

That answer comes quickly at GSU — use it to produce electricity as part of the company's plans for fuel diversification. Power produced from coal-fired plants saves money since it costs less than that produced from natural gas, and the use of coal helps lessen GSU's future dependency on natural gas as a primary fuel.

Nelson Coal, a 540-megawatt plant, uses coal at the rate of about 330 tons an hour when in full operation. The low sulfur coal used at the facility is provided under a 50-million-ton contract with Kerr-McGee.

The Wyoming bituminous coal arrives at the plant in trains carrying 11,000 tons per load. The trains contain 110 specially-designed cars that rotate to dump their contents. When the contents are dumped, about one-and-a-half day's worth of coal for the boiler is kept in active storage for immediate use. The rest goes to the coal yard, where about 60 days' reserve is kept on hand.

Fly ash and bottom ash, by-products of burning coal, have their own handling and storage area at the plant. Gulf States sells most of these by-products for use in construction.

The 500-foot chimney, housing

the brick flue for Nelson Coal's Unit 6 plus a second flue for a future unit, is a familiar part of the skyline in Westlake, La., near Lake Charles.

How well has GSU's first coal-burning plant been accepted by the local community? When residents in the GSU service area were surveyed last year, those in the Lake Charles area favored coal-fired plants at a rate higher than people in any other area the company serves. While 63 percent of all customers approve of using coal to produce power, that figure rose to almost 68 percent among the people who live in the Lake Charles area.

Although the plant began commercial operation at the end of May 1982, that year Nelson Coal accounted for nearly 4 percent of the company's total generation and saved GSU's customers approximately \$24 million (the cost of burning higher-priced natural gas for the same output).



Glenn Miller, fuel handling operator, keeps a close watch as the train dumps its contents into an 88-foot-deep hopper.



Each 110-car train takes about 4 hours to unload.

Fighting fires safely

A mini-course in fire safety proved so successful that an expanded program was designed to teach employees how to deal with fires that may occur in an operating power plant. Bob Sellars, operations supervisor and appointed fire marshal for the plant, is the program's coordinator. Facilities were installed on-site so that students might gain true fire fighting experience. A fire hydrant provides

full-pressure water to practice extinguishing fires while a small building was erected so that students can enter a smoke-filled room to "rescue" a 180-pound dummy that serves as the "victim."

In addition to the hands-on training, students spend time in the classroom studying the different types of fires and how to extinguish each one. The course lasts five days and will be held periodically, and eventually most employees will attend.



Employees at Nelson Coal extinguish an oil and water fire set in a pit for the fire training school.

Digby honored with shower

Brenda Digby, a section head for the Accounting Department in Lafayette, was honored with a baby shower Nov. 4.

Mrs. Digby, who has been with GSU 15 years, received a number of small baby items, plus a walker.



Child celebrates 2nd birthday

Lynette Latiolais celebrated her 2nd birthday Sept. 25 with a party at home with her family and some friends.

The youngster is the daughter of Harry and Nonnie Latiolais. Her father is a meter reader based in Denham Springs.



Retiree dies in Beaumont

John Sam, 79, of Beaumont died Oct. 17 at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont.

He retired from GSU in 1972 as a utility worker II. A native of Grand Coteau, he lived in Beaumont 56 years.

Survivors include four sons, Wilbert Sam, William Sam and Willard Sam, all of San Francisco, and George Sam of Beaumont; one brother, Gene Sam of Beaumont; one sister, Alice Samuel of Beaumont, six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Kamika Nicole joins Knolley family

Roy and Jeanette Knolley proudly announce the birth of their first child, Kamika Nicole, born July 14, 1983. She weighed in at 4 pounds, 5 ounces.

Kamika's dad is employed in the Orange Line Department.



Eric Stephen joins family

Cindy Hernandez was quite proud to show off her brand-new baby brother, reports Kitty Ann Prouse, *Plain Talks* correspondent in Orange.

Little Eric Stephen weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces when he was born Aug. 12. His parents are

Gloria and Arnulfo "Arnie" Hernandez, a collector.

Cindy and Eric have another brother, 2-year-old Arnie Jr.



Cindy Hernandez holds her new brother, Eric Stephen.

Son born to Willises

Little Derek Paul Willis was born Aug. 29, 1983, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce. The baby's parents are David and Beth Willis.

Derek Paul's mother is a section head in Plant Accounting, Beaumont.



Sisters observe fall birthdays



Andrea (left) and Becky Evans.

Andrea and Becky Evans celebrated their 3rd and 1st birthdays, respectively, a month apart this fall, reports their grandfather, E. E. "Kit" Evans of Beaumont.

Andrea turned 3 on Sept. 18, while Becky was 1 on Oct. 20.

The girls are the daughters of Tommy and Jianna Evans. Their grandfather is supervisor-customer accounting, their father is a lineman-4th class in Beaumont and their mother is a former employee of Nuclear Records in Beaumont.



Butler becomes new grandpa

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Butler of Calvert were pleased to announce that they became first-time grandparents Sept. 19.

That's when Leanna Butler was born to Neil and Mary Butler.

The elder Butler, a serviceman-1st class, reports that his new granddaughter weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces at birth.

Renegades win 2nd place

The Sabine Station Renegades won 2nd place in the GSU softball tournament held in Lake Charles Oct. 8, reports Bonnie Duval, *Plain Talks* correspondent.

Later, most of the Renegades lined up for a photograph. Missing from the team picture were Wally Thomason of Beaumont Garage and Johnny Trahan of Orange Consumer Services.



The Renegades included team members (front row, left to right) Bobby Merritt, Harvey Powell, James Toohey and Rick Ernst. Others were (standing, from left) Lynn Bouillion, Greg Smith, Rusty Williams, Clint James and Virgil Pearl.

Walters earns CPA designation

Daniel L. Walters III, accounting supervisor in Orange District since June 16, completed the final part of his certified public accountant (CPA) examination in May. He passed the first two parts of the examination in May 1981 and May 1982.

Walters and his wife, Carla, traveled to Austin in November so he could take his oath of office

and receive his certificate.

The couple has three sons, Carl, Matt and Justin, and is expecting a fourth child in May.



Couple names baby daughter Kristal Maurine

David and Susan Stahl of Lake Charles have named their first child, a girl, Kristal Maurine.

The little girl weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces when she was born Aug. 30. Kristal's father is a repairman-2nd class at Nelson Coal Plant.

The proud grandparents are William B. Stahl of Lafayette, Gay Stahl of Lake Charles and Mr. and Mrs. Lyder Anstensen of Panama City, Fla.



Couple welcomes baby girl



Ashley Lynden was born Sept. 9 to Robert and Sandra Parks. Ashley weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Ashley, who is the Parks' first child, joins a GSU family. Her dad is a utility worker at Nelson Coal while her granddad, Robert L. Parks, is a serviceman in the Lake Charles T&D.



Wellmann bags another deer

Clara Wellmann, who stands only 4 feet 11¾ inches, bagged an eight-point deer on opening morning of deer season. Clara, who is supervisor of customer accounting in Conroe, shot the deer at Carlos, Texas. She has been with Gulf States since 1960.

Couple announces birth of daughter

Kyle and Floy Lewis are the new parents of Lorrie Ann, their first child. Lorrie Ann was born Aug. 29 and weighed in at 8 pounds, 9½ ounces.

Lewis is a meter reader in Orange and has been with Gulf States three years.



Friends celebrate special day

Friends and co-workers of Chris Hahn celebrated her birthday on Dec. 1 with a surprise party. Streamers and signs revealing her age were hung in Chris' office to mark the event.

She is an engineering assistant in the Western Division and has worked at Gulf States since 1979.



Costume places in Halloween contest

Young Greg Haley, grandson of Donald Cooke, won 2nd place in Our Lady Queen of Heaven's Halloween costume contest. Greg, whose winning attire was

hunting garb complete with rifle, was one of more than 400 contestants.

His grandfather, a party chief in Lake Charles T&D, has been employed at Gulf States for over 27 years.



Baby son joins family

Little Tanner Adam Guidroz joined his parents, Darrell and Terry Guidroz, on Sept. 30, 1983. Tanner weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

His dad is supervisor of personnel planning and information systems in System Human Resources.



ON THE MOVE

A

Albert, Maurice A., Oak Ridge, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.
Amos, Clement Jr., Lafayette, to truckdriver-T&D Department, Electric T&D.
Antoine, Freddie Jr., Beaumont, to substation mechanic-1st class, Electric T&D.
Ashley, Thomas W. Jr., Willow Glen, to insulator-2nd class, Plant Production.

B

Babineaux, Joseph H., Nelson Coal, to master repairman, Plant Production.
Bailey, Patricia A., Beaumont, to data analyst, Computer Applications.
Barnett, David B., Baton Rouge, to helper-T&D Department, Electric T&D.
Beck, Glynn T., Lake Charles, to shop foreman, Electric T&D.
Bell, Lehmon D., Port Arthur, to test technician-2nd class, Plant Production.
Benefield, Walter E. Jr., Baton Rouge, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.
Bernard, Jay G., Baton Rouge, to apprentice-T&D, Electric T&D.
Bernard, Wayne D., Louisiana Station, to turbine-water plant operator, Plant Production.
Block, Bryant K., Beaumont, to operator's helper, Plant Production.
Boullion, Dallas J., Conroe, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

C

Callahan, Charles G., Lake Charles, to supervisor-customer accounts, Division Accounting.
Cambre, Robert P., Willow Glen, to electrician-1st class, Plant Production.
Carrara, John A., Beaumont, to director-EDP audits, Internal Audits.
Cassada, Maxey F., River Bend Station, to radiation protection and chemistry supervisor, River Bend Nuclear Group.
Chelette, Kathleen, E., formerly of Lake Charles, to secretary, Orange Division Operations.
Chenevert, William W., Nelson Station, to mechanic helper, Plant Production.
Cockerham, Kenneth W., Baton Rouge, to relayman-2nd class, Electric T&D.
Cooper, Craig E., Beaumont, to senior engineering assistant, Real Estate.
Cote, Timothy A., Oak Ridge, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.
Craig, Gary J., Conroe, to relayman-1st class, Electric T&D.
Cutrer, Donald K., Willow Glen, to repairman-1st class, Electric T&D.

D

Daigle, James C., Lafayette, to service supervisor, Electric T&D.
Darensbourg, Jeffrey G., Willow Glen, to mechanic helper, Plant Production.
DeBlanc, Rene A., Nelson Station, to general superintendent-Nelson Station, Plant Production.
Devall, Gregory M., Lake Charles, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

E

Echard, Charles E., Willow Glen, to test and technical supervisor, Plant Production.
Edmond, Darrell C., Conroe, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.
England, Lesley A., Beaumont, to supervisor-nuclear licensing, Beaumont River Bend Nuclear Group.
Evans, Timothy W., Conroe, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

F

Freeman, Walter R., Baton Rouge, to relay foreman, Electric T&D.

G

Gothreaux, Gregory D., Lake Charles, to consumer information coordinator, Division Marketing and Consumer Services.
Grant, Eddie R., Beaumont, to supervisor-nuclear licensing-FSAR, Beaumont River Bend Nuclear Group.
Gribble, Keith D., Nelson Station, to repairman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

H

Hamilton, John R., formerly of Beaumont, to supervisor-site engineering, River Bend Nuclear Group, River Bend Station.
Haviland, William P., formerly of Nelson Coal, to electrical supervisor, Willow Glen Plant Production.
Hebert, Allen R., Lafayette, to service foreman, Electric T&D.
Hendrix, Alvin E., Beaumont, to supervisor-project systems, Beaumont Computer Applications.
Henry, Eby J., Lafayette, to utility foreman, Electric T&D.
Hodges, John P., Port Arthur, to consumer service representative-senior, Division Marketing and Consumer Services.
Hunt, Peter L., Beaumont, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.
Hyde, James H., Willow Glen, to test technician-2nd class, Plant Production.

I

Irvine, Jerry G., Beaumont, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

J

Jacobsen, David D. Jr., Baton Rouge, to meterman-2nd class, Electric T&D.
Janis, Debra A., Beaumont, to supervisor-tax research and state taxes, Accounting Services.
Johnson, Jeanne B., Lake Charles, to supervisor-credit and collections, Division Accounting.
Justice, Stephen D., formerly of Nelson Coal, electrical maintenance foreman, transferred to River Bend Nuclear Group, River Bend Station.

K

Kennedy, Gerard N., Willow Glen, to engineering assistant-Production, Plant Production.
King, Ricky D., Beaumont, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.
Krebs, Michael G., Sour Lake, to serviceman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

L

Lantz, Randal P., Lake Charles, to substation mechanic-4th class, Electric T&D.

M

Mayeaux, Ricky J., River Bend Station, to switchboard operator, Plant Production.
Mayo, Robert D., Lake Charles, to consumer affairs coordinator, Division Marketing and Consumer Services.
McCauley, David L., Beaumont, to communications foreman, Electric T&D.
McGhee, James M., River Bend Station, to radwaste foreman, River Bend Nuclear Group.
Meadows, James M., Baton Rouge, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.
Monlezun, Ted J., Nelson Coal, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

N

Null, Deobrah P., Beaumont, to supervisor-corporate budget, Accounting Services.

P

Palmer, Robert E., Baton Rouge, to utility worker II, Division Accounting.
Perkins, Kelvin A., Willow Glen, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.
Perrin, Stephen E., to Baton Rouge, to communications foreman, Electric T&D.
Pettus, William Jr., Willow Glen, to repairman-3rd class, Plant Production.
Poulard, Michael J., Beaumont, to senior draftsman, Engineering Design.

R

Randall, Claiborne L., Baton Rouge, to substation mechanic-2nd class, Electric T&D.
Randall, Darrell W., Port Allen, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.
Ratcke, Michael J., Willow Glen, to mechanic helper, Plant Production.
Rayburn, Nancy W., Beaumont, to senior department clerk, Office Services.
Reeves, John M., Baton Rouge, to helper-T&D Department, Electric T&D.
Retherford, Edward J., formerly of Neches Station, to hydro plant supervisor-Toledo Bend Station, Plant Production.

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ON THE MOVE

Ringo, John, Baton Rouge, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Romig, Willie J. Jr., Louisiana Station, to mechanic helper, Plant Production.

Russo, Mark S., Beaumont, to supervisor-business systems, Accounting Services.

S

Schoolfield, John C., Port Arthur, to test technician-1st class, Plant Production.

Shingleur, Robert M., Baton Rouge, to building and grounds maintenance man, Electric T&D.

Sibley, Tony J., Baton Rouge, to pipeman apprentice, Gas Department.

Simon, Anthony W., Lake Charles, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Spedale, Robert G., Louisiana Station, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

Swain, Gordon L., Willow Glen Station, to control operations foreman, Plant Production.

T

Tapp, Joyce H., Beaumont, to stenographer-senior, Division Accounting.

Tingan, Adolph M., Beaumont, to coordinator-special projects, Accounting Services.

Tsai, Patricia F., Baton Rouge, to stenographer-senior, Division Marketing and Consumer Services.

Tucker, Steven L., Willow Glen, to repairman-3rd class, Plant Production.

W

Walton, Mark E., River Bend Station, to technical assistant, River Bend Nuclear Group.

Warren, Lloyd A., Baton Rouge, to serviceman-2nd class, Gas Department.

Washington, Bernard P., Baton Rouge, to meterman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Weaver, Luddie P. III, Baton Rouge, to serviceman-1st class, Gas Department.

Wilks, Angela L., Sulphur, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.

Williams, John R., Nelson Coal, to test technician-1st class, Plant Production.

Williams, Karl D., Nelson Station, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

Williams, Mitchell L. III, Baton Rouge, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Winckler, Steven L., Port Arthur, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Worthy, Gene B. Jr., Baton Rouge, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

Museum dedication marks another milestone

Story by Susan Gilley

Photos by T.J. Reyes

Nov. 30 marked another milestone for the Edison Museum when GSU officials and area museum supporters gathered for the facility's opening ceremony.

During the event, GSU Board Chairman Paul Murrill noted that more than 3,000 visitors had passed through the museum in organized tours before the official opening.

Museum curator, Joe DeJean, described the ceremony as the culmination of a dream for many fellow Gulf Staters to turn the old Travis Street Substation into a collection of objects that would honor inventor Thomas Edison.

According to DeJean, the substation building housing the collection was built in 1929. Its completion enabled 22 cities and towns adjoining Beaumont and Port Arthur to receive electricity for the first time.

Museum offerings are centered around the theme of "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." While DeJean points out that no museum



John Neild (left) and GSU President Norman Lee elbow up to the bust of Thomas Edison, which rests on a pedestal donated by H. B. Neild and Sons Inc. contractors of Beaumont.

collection is ever complete, the "Yesterday" segment is full for the present time.

Dr. Murrill told the gathering, "The museum is clearly an asset to this community."

Joe DeJean, museum curator, and Colene K. Crawford admire an exhibit following the dedication.



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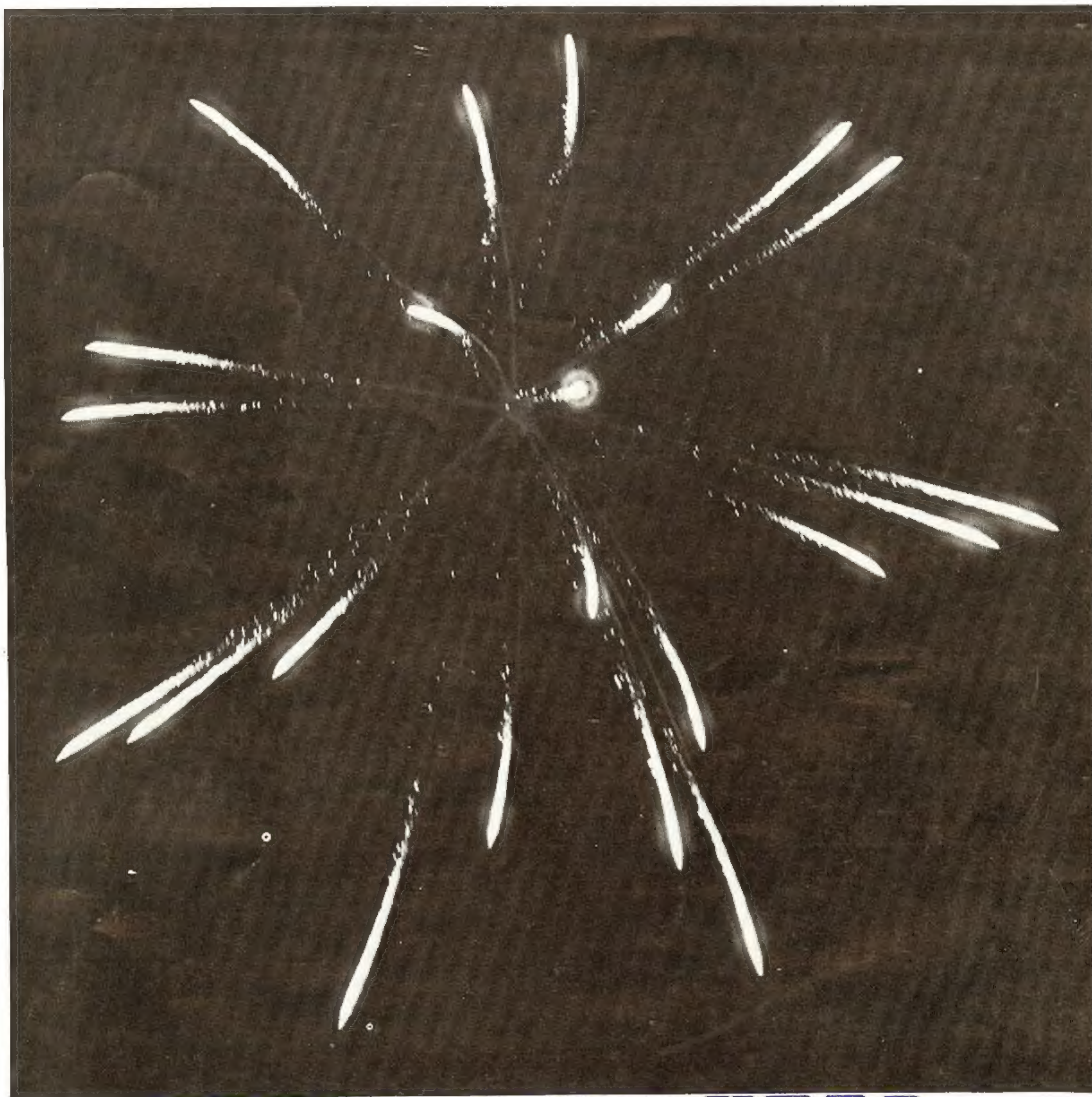


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